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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/764,254		
Filing Date	January 19, 2001		
First Named Inventor	Takemi HASEGAWA, et al.		
Group Art Unit	2839		
Examiner Name	C. Prasad		
Attorney Docket Number	50212-186		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on							
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).							
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on							
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iv. Other							
2. Miscellaneous							
a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §							
1.1.03(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)							
<u>b. □Other</u>							
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37	3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.						
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.							
i. ⊠ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00							
ii. ⊠ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) <u>\$110.00</u>							
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2004, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith.